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The following donations were presented to the Academy :—

By Arthur B. Cane, Esq. : a large, white cedar chest, ornamented in front with the royal arms and the letters "I. R.," supposed to have been part of the baggage of King James II.

By Rev. John Hamilton : a silver coin of Elizabeth, and another of Philip and Mary, both found near Manorhamilton.

By Mrs. Thomas Townsend : part of the upper stone of a quern, rudely ornamented with a cross; found at Smithville, Castle-Townsend.

By Rev. C. P. Meehan : a copper axe-head, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, and another, made of bronze, $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, both found in the county of Louth; some fragments of four different bronze swords; a cannon-ball, weight $2\frac{3}{4}$ lbs., found near the Obelisk, on the bank of the Boyne.

Thomas Devine, Esq., of the Crown Lands Department, Canada, presented a collection of 45 different specimens of timber, all of native growth, and used in the arts; also, two copies of his map of Canada.

William P. Pike, Esq., presented a collection of autographs.

Sir Thomas Deane presented Hogan's head of Minerva, carved in wood, his first attempt at classic art.

STATED MEETING, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1860.

JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., President, in the Chair.

READ,—The following letter, addressed to the President of the Academy :—

Ordnance Survey Office, Dublin, 29th November, 1860.

SIR,—I am directed by Colonel Sir Henry James, Royal Engineers, Superintendent of the Ordnance Survey, in compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 4th August, 1857, to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and in accordance with the authority of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for War, to forward to you, for presentation to the Royal Irish Academy, 103 volumes of MS. papers, containing information relating to the local history and antiquities of Ireland, collected during the progress of the Ordnance Survey; together with 11 volumes of sketches of various objects of antiquarian interest.

A list of the volumes is enclosed.

I am also to state, that the delay which has occurred in presenting these papers has been caused by the necessity which existed for arranging, indexing, and otherwise preparing the volumes for binding, which has been a work of very considerable labour, and could only progress as the other avocations of those competent to the task would permit.

I am further to inform you that a considerable number of additional volumes are now ready for binding, and will very shortly be presented to the Academy.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
your obedient servant,

GEORGE A. LEACH, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.

The Secretary of the Academy briefly explained the great value and importance of this collection of MSS. to all persons interested in the history and antiquities of Ireland; and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Lord Talbot de Malahide, and carried by acclamation :—

“That the special thanks of the Academy are due, and hereby presented, to Sir Henry James, R.E., Superintendent of the Ordnance Survey, and to Lieut.-Colonel Leach, for this most valuable donation; and that the Academy desire to acknowledge, on this occasion, the importance of the services rendered to the history and antiquities of Ireland by Major General Sir Thomas A. Larcom, under whose superintendence the plan of collecting materials for the illustration of the ancient topography of Ireland was organized and successfully carried into effect.”

Lord Talbot de Malahide, on the part of the Rev. Greville Chester, presented to the Museum an artificially-wrought flint celt, found at Hoxne, in Suffolk.

Dr. Tufnell, on the part of Captain O'Hara, presented a curious bronze crucifix, found on the Island of Turlough, Barony of Moycullen, County Galway.

Rev. Dr. Reeves, on the part of John Stuart, Esq., Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, and of the Spalding Club of Scotland, presented copies of the following books :—“*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis* ;” a “*Genealogical Deduction of the Family of Kilravock* ;” “*Fasti Aberdonenses* ;” “*Records of the University of King's College, Aberdeen* ;” “*Registrum Episcopatus Brechonensis* ;” and the “*Book of the Thanes of Cawdor*.”

Rev. Joseph Galbraith called attention to a vote of the Council, passed on 11th inst., by which £11 12s 6d was granted for the purchase of a collection of casts of antiquities, and moved—

“That it be recommended to the Council, that the sum of £11. 12s. 6d. voted by the Council for the purchase of casts of antiquities, bought by Mr. Wilde, in Mayence, be defrayed out of the sum of £50, voted for such purposes by the Academy, on the 14th May, 1860.”

The proposition was seconded by Rev. J. H. Jellett; and a division having been called for, it appeared that there were for the motion 12, and against it, 21. The motion was therefore negatived.

The Academy then adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1860.

JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D. D., President, in the Chair.

IT WAS RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Council, that the Academy do co-operate with the Royal Dublin Society in receiving the Association for the promotion of Social Science, on the occasion of its next congress in Dublin, in 1861.

The Rev. Dr. Reeves read the conclusion of his paper “On the Ancient Order of Culdees in Ireland.”